

Strathalbyn Woodland Trail

Start: Strathalbyn Visitor Information Centre (SVIC) 35 15 39S 138 53 32E  
Bullock Hill CP 35 19 00S 138 47 40E

**1** Bullock Hill CP  
Also listed in Goolwa Bushland Trail B  
Pink Gum, Cup Gum & Stringy Bark low woodland with Yacca understorey.  
**Access:** From the SVIC travel west to the roundabout. Turn right for 300 metres and take the Ashbourne Road on the left. At approximately 11 km turn left towards Ashbourne then left into Signal Flat Road approx. 1.5km. Drive to Haines Road on the left which leads to the car park 1.7km in. A walk along the southern and eastern boundaries adjacent to the farm-land is generally the most profitable area but a full circuit back to the car park may have its rewards. Haines Road can be difficult to access in wet weather.  
NOTE: At 5km from Strathalbyn, at the top of the range, is a lookout overlooking the Angas Plains and Lake Alexandrina.  
**Birds to see:** Common Bronzewing, Grey Currawong, Golden and Rufous Whistlers, White-browed Scrub-wren, Elegant Parrot and Red-browed Finch.

**2** Cox Scrub CP  
Also listed in Goolwa Bushland Trail B  
35 20 30S 138 44 31E  
Low woodland with heathland understorey.  
**Access:** Return along Signal Flat Road, turn left towards Ashbourne for 0.8km to the junction with the main Goolwa Road. Turn left for 5.6km from the junction to the northern car park. A walking trail leads into the park. The southern car park is a further 2.3km on.  
**Birds to see:** Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, Crescent and Tawny-crowned Honeyeaters, Hooded Robin, Eastern (Crested) Shrike-tit, Beautiful and Diamond Firetail. Southern Emu-wren have been successfully re-introduced to this park.

**3** Mt Magnificent CP  
35 18 27S 138 41 16E  
Stringy Bark and Cup Gum woodland with an open grassy understorey. The road to the park runs along a high ridge. On a clear day enjoy panoramic views to the Southern Ocean and Lake Alexandrina.  
**Access:** From Cox Scrub turn back through Ashbourne towards Meadows. At approx. 3km north of Ashbourne turn left into McHarg Creek Road. A further 5.7km brings you to Mt Magnificent Road on the left. It is a further 5.2km to the entrance gate on the right. A stile gives access to the Heyden Trail which crosses the park.  
**Birds to see:** Yellow-tailed Black Cockatoo, White-throated Tree-creeper, Eastern Spinebill, White-naped and Brown-headed Honeyeater and Flame Robin (winter migrant).

**4** Kyeema CP  
35 16 23S 138 41 12E  
The vegetation comprises Cup Gum and Stringy Bark low woodland with scrubby understorey.  
**Access:** Continue along Mt Magnificent Road to a T-junction. Turn right onto Blackfellow Creek Road for approx. 6km then left towards Willunga (Woodgate Hill Road). The main entrance and car park is a further 1.5km. Several walking trails lead into the Park.  
**Birds to see:** Eastern Spinebill, Golden Whistler and Scarlet Robin. Return to Strathalbyn via McHarg Creek Road and Ashbourne / Strathalbyn Road.  
Approx. 90km round trip

Milang Township & East Trail

Start: Milang Historic Railway Carriage 35 24 32S 138 58 18E

**1** Wetland Walking Trail and Foreshore  
The wetland walk follows the edge of a Samphire Swamp from the historic railway carriage to the foreshore.  
**Access:** From the Railway Carriage follow the walk to the bird hide at the rear of the Regatta Club. Follow the roadway to the most southerly foreshore access at Windsurfers Point where there is another bird hide then continue north to the historic jetties and Pumping Station. The latter sites overlook Lake Alexandrina and associated reed-beds.  
**Birds to see:** Latham's (Japanese) Snipe, Black-winged Stilt, Masked Lapwing, Great Egret and White-faced Heron in the samphire swamp, and Great Crested Grebe, Darter, Cormorants, Clamorous Reed Warbler, Golden-headed Cisticola, Tern species and Australian Pelican. Return to the Railway Carriage.  
35 24 23S 138 57 34E

**2** Milang Cemetery Reserve  
This small reserve contains Callitris, Acacia and Eucalypts with a low shrub understorey.  
**Access:** From the Railway Carriage take Ameroo Avenue (road to Goolwa and Finniss) to Weroona Drive on the outskirts of the town (approx. 0.8km) Turn left to the Cemetery Reserve 0.5km on the right.  
**Birds to see:** Dusky Woodswallow, Grey Fantail, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, European Goldfinch and Yellow-rumped and Yellow Thornbill.  
Return to the Railway Carriage.  
35 22 15S 139 08 19E

**3** Tolderol Game Reserve  
This site on the shore of Lake Alexandrina is an extensive man-made wetland providing rich and diverse habitat for many species of birds. Many birdwatchers visit this site regularly for its diversity of water birds and migratory waders.  
**Access:** Travel east on Lakes Road, cross the Bremer River bridge, turn left into Lake Plains Road for 2.4km then right into Tolderol Road. Proceed 7km to the junction with Dog Lake Road. Turn right, drive 2.2km and turn left at the T-junction. The reserve is a further 1km on. There may be gates to open and close: please leave them as you find them. There is a car park just past the pumping station. If driving on the levees care is needed. A picnic table is provided near the lake shore.  
**Birds to see:** Australasian and Little Bittern, Egrets, Spoonbills, many Ducks species, White-winged Black Tern, White-fronted Chat, Golden-headed Cisticola, migratory waders in summer.  
35 17 48S 139 03 12E

**4** Langhorne Creek Cemetery Reserve  
This reserve surrounds the graveyard and supports good mallee vegetation.  
**Access:** On leaving Tolderol take Dog Lake Road to the Langhorne Creek/Wellington Road. The cemetery is located on Lee Road, approximately 1 km before the township.  
**Birds to see:** White-browed Babblers, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeaters, White-fronted Chats NOTE: Opposite the turnoff to Lee Road is Frank Potts Reserve where a stop to enjoy the large River Red Gums is worthwhile  
Return to Milang 25kms  
Approx. 57km round trip

Milang West Trail

Start: Milang Historic Railway Carriage 35 24 32S 138 58 18E

**1** Clayton Bay Boardwalk and Walking Trail 35 30 09S 138 55 50  
The walking trail and boardwalk have been a project of the Clayton Bay community and follow the water's edge on three sides of the township.  
**Access:** Drive towards Clayton Bay along the Clayton/Milang Road and turn left at the town edge into Island View Drive. The extensive walking trail on the left runs parallel to the Drive and is accessible at most points. Parking is available at approx 1.2km from Alexandrina caravan park or continue your drive along Island View Drive.  
**Birds to see:** Whiskered Tern, Golden-headed Cisticola, Swamp Harrier, Little Grassbird, Hoary-headed, Duck species, Australasian Darter and Australasian Grebe.  
35 23 29S 138 49 45E

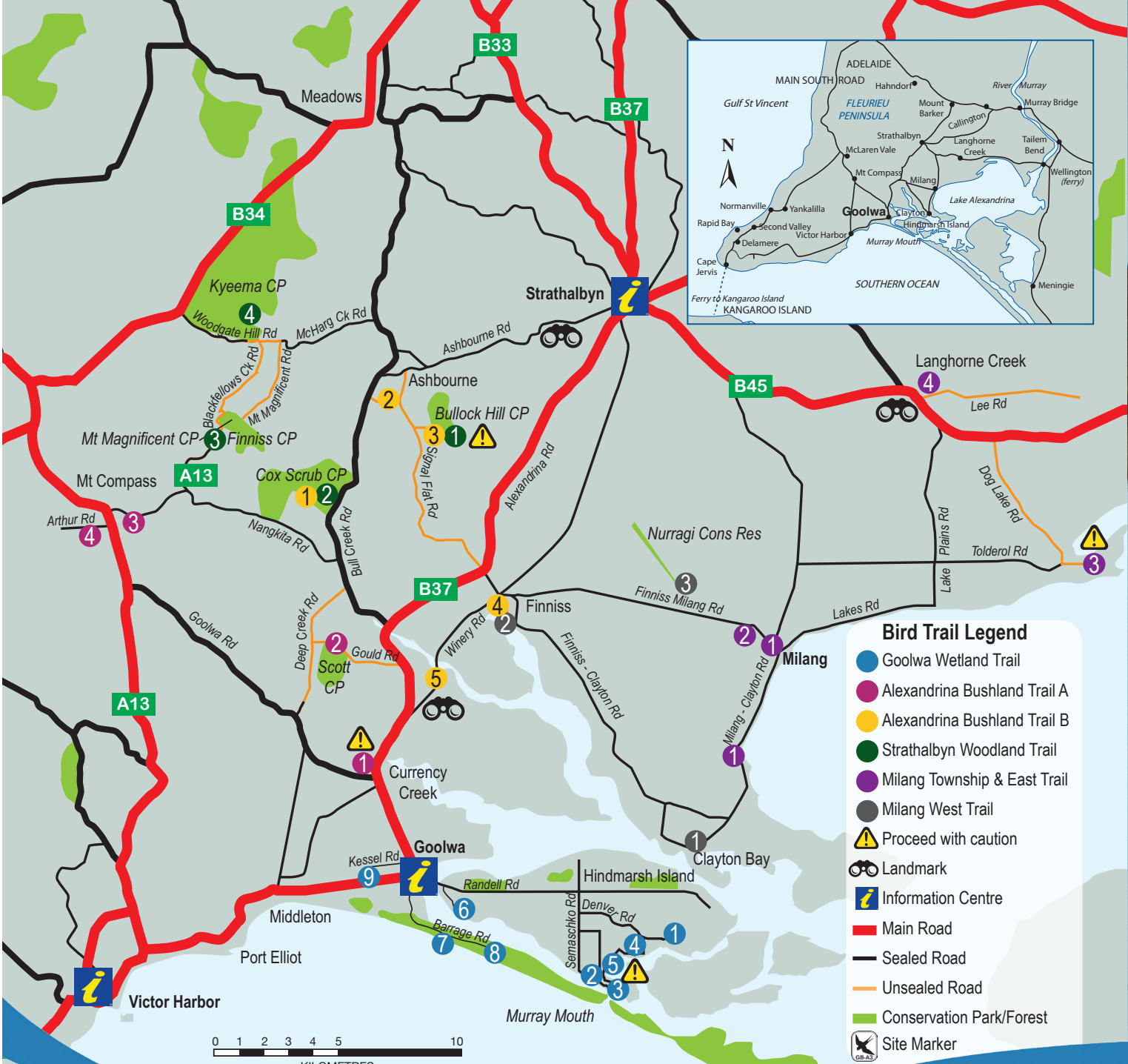
**2** Dunn's Lagoon, Finniss  
Also listed in Goolwa Bushland Trail B  
This is mainly a winter/spring site as the lagoon is quite shallow and dries in summer. It has large dead trees full of nesting hollows.  
**Access:** Drive towards Finniss for approximately 14 km turning left towards Goolwa for 0.5 km. Before crossing the ford turn right into Bam Hill Road (gravel). The wetland is a short distance on the left. Viewing is from the roadway.  
**Birds to see:** Grey and Chestnut Teal, Masked Lapwing, Black-fronted and Red-kneed Dotterel, Little Corella and Red-rumped Parrot  
35 23 35S 138 56 18E

**3** Nurragi Conservation Reserve  
35 23 35S 138 56 18E  
A walking trail along an old railway embankment for several kilometres to Sandergrove Siding. The first kilometre is the most rewarding for birdwatching.  
**Access:** Continue north for 0.7km turning right into the Finniss-Milang Road. The reserve is on the left (opposite the Punkuli Homestead) approximately 10 km. Ample parking off road is available.  
**Birds to see:** Diamond Firetail, Common Bronzewing, Grey Butcherbird, Red-capped Robin, White-browed Babbler, Peaceful Dove, Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater, Yellow Thornbill Weebill and birds of prey. Return to Milang continue on Finniss-Milang Road. At the T-junction turn right to the township.  
Approx. 45km round trip

**Bird Watching Guidelines**  
1 Minimise disturbance to birds and their habitat, especially in the breeding season  
2 Do not take pets with you  
3 Respect the rights of others, especially landowners  
Disclaimer  
Information contained in this brochure is offered as a guide only. It is up to the individual to determine suitability of each trail according to each individual's level of fitness, health and ability.  
South Australian National Parks trail classification system has been used to determine the ratings used in this brochure.



Alexandrina Bird Trails





# Goolwa WETLAND TRAIL

Start: Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) 35 30 12S 138 47 04E

1 Denver Road, Hindmarsh Island 35 31 39S 138 53 45E

This site is within the Coorong National Park. Denver Road runs through farmland crossing a reedy creek and is surrounded by swampy paddocks in winter.

Access: From the GVIC cross the bridge to Hindmarsh Island travelling along Randell Road. Turn right into Semaschko Road then left into Denver Road (9km from Goolwa). 3km from Semaschko Road is the creek where the verge is wide for parking and turning.

Birds to see: Cape Barren Goose, Whiskered Tern, Purple Swamphen, Little Grassbird, Ibis species, Swan, Spoonbill, Duck species, Crane, Brown Songlark, Brown Falcon and Swamp Harrier.

2 Sugars Beach 35 32 53S 138 52 37E

3 Murray Mouth Lookout 35 32 58S 138 52 58E

These sites are estuary and tidal. They overlook the Murray Mouth and Bird Island (sand spit).

Access: Return to Semaschko Road, turn left and follow the Murray Mouth signs.

Birds to see: Godwits, Pacific Golden Plover and other migratory waders (September to April), Gulls, Terns, Oystercatchers and Cormorants. Rock Parrot may be seen in the samphire and boobialla.

4 Mundoo Channel 35 32 17S 138 53 02E

This clearing borders the channel on the saltwater side of the Mundoo Barrage and is tidal with mud flats and bordering samphire.

Access: Returning from the Mouth turn right into Mundoo Road. Just beyond the Mundoo Channel Drive intersection there is access to the channel shore.

Birds to see: Little Egret, Duck species, Black-tailed Native-hen and Grebes.

5 Scab Creek 35 32 54S 138 53 17E

Scab Creek is also within the Coorong National Park. The creek is bordered by samphire flats on the near side with sand dunes on the far side and is tidal.

Access: Turn into Mundoo Channel Drive and proceed to the end. A short walk through the samphire flats will bring you to Scab Creek. The walking tracks can be difficult to access in wet weather or very high tides.

Birds to see: Superb Fairy-wren, White-fronted Chat, Rock Parrot, Eastern Curlew and other migratory waders in spring/summer.

6 Marina Hindmarsh Island 35 31 15S 138 48 48E

This site is on the saltwater side of the Goolwa barrage and is tidal.

Access: Return to Randell Road and turn left into the 'Marina Hindmarsh Island'. Turn left at the roundabout into Princess Royal Drive and proceed straight through further roundabouts for 2km and turn right into Excelsior Drive. At 1.3km there is a vantage point overlooking the Barrage and downstream side of the river. View from the mound to the left. Parking is available on the road verge.

Birds to see: Terns, Duck species, Cormorants, Black-winged Stilt, Red-necked Avocet, Musk Duck, Eurasian Coot and migratory waders in spring/summer. Return to GVIC.

7 Goolwa Barrage 35 31 42S 138 48 20E

The Barrage is controlled by SA Water and separates the freshwater of the river upstream from the saltwater of the estuary. There is public access through the grounds and onto the Barrage wall. The downstream side of the barrage is tidal.

Access: From the GVIC travel west towards Victor Harbor 0.4km and left into Oliver Street at the service station. At the T junction turn left into Barrage Road and follow around to the Barrage car park at 4.5km from the GVIC.

Birds to see: Caspian and Crested Tern, Great Crested Grebe, Eurasian Coot, Cormorants, Raptor species and Pelicans.

8 No.19 Beacon Boat Ramp 35 31 54S 138 49 36E

This stretch of road borders the salt-water estuary of the River Murray which is tidal. Just below the Barrage is a small island. Water and wading birds frequent this and the shore line to No.19 Beacon.

Access: Leaving the Barrage car park turn left and travel to the rear of the buildings. This brings you to the saltwater side of the Barrage. This road continues for 2.3km to No 19 Beacon.

Birds to see: Migratory waders at low tide in season, Duck species, Grebe species. Red-necked Avocet and Great and Little Egret. Return to GVIC.

9 Kessell Road Ponds 35 29 53S 138 46 03E

Many water birds congregate on the artificial ponds and surrounding areas adjoining the Council controlled effluent works. Paths meander from the car park around the ponds.

Access: From the GVIC proceed 1km north turning left into Kessell Road. The ponds are on the right 1km further on.

Access to the car park is by a narrow road immediately past the electricity sub-station.

Birds to see: Water bird and Dotterel species, Pink-eared and Freckled Duck visit occasionally. Raptors fly overhead. Return to GVIC

Approx. 60km round trip

## For further information

www.birdssa.asn.au and www.fleurieubirdwatchers.org

## Visitor Information Centres

www.visitalexandrina.com

Goolwa Visitor Information Centre .....1300 466 592  
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Email: goolvawic@alexandrina.sa.gov.au

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# Goolwa BUSHLAND TRAIL - A

Start: Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) 35 30 12S 138 47 04E

1 Currency Creek Gorge 35 27 18S 138 45 34E

A moderate woodland walk leads from the Lions Park beside a River Red Gum-lined stream to a small waterfall about 1km upstream on Currency Creek. The walk passes under the highest viaduct on the historic Adelaide/Victor Harbor railway line, passing an old copper mine and a tree from which a bark canoe was carved many years ago.

Access: From GVIC travel 6km north on the Alexandrina Road. The Lions Park, where parking is available, is on the left prior to the bridge and small settlement of Currency Creek. Trail not maintained. Loose rocks at waterfall.

Birds to see: Red-rumped Parrot, Adelaide Rosella, White-plumed Honeyeater, Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike, White-browed Scrub-wren and Clamorous Reed-warbler.

2 Scott CP 35 24 31 S 138 44 33E and 35 24 18S 138 44 13E

This small conservation park, approx 2km long by 1km wide varying from taller woodland in the north to more dense mallee in the south. There are many old trees with good nesting hollows throughout the park. A marked walking trail connects the two parking areas.

Access: Turn right back on to Alexandrina Road proceed north for 5 km passing a larger canoe tree on your right. Turn left into Gould Road. At 3.6km from the main road and then another 0.7 km are the two parking areas.

Birds to see: Yellow-faced, White-naped, Brown-headed and Black-chinned Honeyeaters, Lorikeets, Parrot species, White-throated and Brown Treecreepers.

3 Sam Court Wetland - Mt Compass 35 20 52S 138 37 19E

The wetland is an artificially created series of ponds on the swampy headwaters of the Nangkita Creek. It is located in Sam Court off Nangkita Road, at the rear of the main shopping area.

Access: Continue to Deep Creek Road, turn right and travel north to the Ashbourne Road. Turn left and left again into Nangkita Road. The Wetland Boardwalk is on the left immediately before entering the northern end of the township.

Birds to see: Duck species, White-faced Herons, Purple Swamphen and Dusky Moorhen.

4 Mt Compass Swamp Boardwalk 35 21 05S 138 37 12E

The boardwalk, which is built over a peat bog swamp, is a project of the Mt Compass Area School students.

Access: Travel south through the main shopping street of Mt Compass turning right into Arthur Road on the southern edge of the town. A short way along is a gate leading into the wetland and boardwalk.

Birds to see: Southern Emu-wren, Superb Fairy-wren and White-browed Scrub-wren. Return to Goolwa 25km

Approx. 60km round trip



Great Egret



Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo



Black-Tailed Native Hen



Superb Fairy Wren



Pacific Golden Plover



Caspian Tern



Diamond Firetail



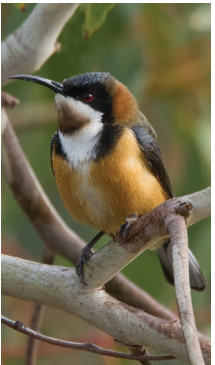
Golden Whistler



Eurasian Coot



Swamp Harrier



Eastern Spinebill



Crimson Rosella

# Goolwa BUSHLAND TRAIL - B

Start: Goolwa Visitor Information Centre (GVIC) 35 30 12S 138 47 04E

1 Cox Scrub CP 35 20 30S 138 44 31E

Low woodland with heathland understorey.

Access: From the GVIC travel north on the Alexandrina Road. At 13.5 km turn left onto the Ashbourne/Meadows Road. At approx. 22 km from GVIC is the main entrance and carpark.

Birds to see: Chestnut-rumped Heathwren, Beautiful Firetail, Elegant Parrot and Striated Thornbill. Southern Emu-wren have been successfully re-introduced to this park.

2 Ashbourne 35 17 37S 138 46 10E

A stroll from the intersection of Green Road and Signal Flat Road adjacent to the golf course can be very rewarding. The tall River Red Gums and low roadside vegetation support a variety of birds.

Access: Proceed 5.5km to Ashbourne, turning right to Strathalbyn. 1km along this road at the brow of the hill turn sharp right into Signal Flat Road: 0.8km further on park at the intersection with Green Road.

Birds to see: Brown and White-throated Treecreeper, Red-browed Finch, Grey-shrike Thrush and Golden Whistler.

3 Bullock Hill CP (optional diversion) 35 19 00S 138 47 40E

Also listed in the Strathalbyn Woodland Trail  
Pink Gum, Cup Gum & Stringy Bark low woodland with Yacca understorey.

Access: Continue 2.6km along Signal Flat Road from the intersection of Green Road turning left into Haines Road. Bullock Hill CP car park is 1.7km from Signal Flat Road. Stroll eastward along the fence-line adjoining the farmland then northward along the eastern boundary and return through the centre of the park. Haines Road can be difficult to access in wet weather.

Birds to see: Hooded and Scarlet Robin, White-browed Babbler, Southern Whiteface and Brown Treecreeper.

4 Dunn's Lagoon, Finnis 35 23 29S 138 49 45E

Also listed in Milang West Trail

This is mainly a winter/spring site as the lagoon is quite shallow and dry in summer. It has large dead trees full of nesting hollows.

Access: Return to Signal Flat Road, turn left and proceed to the Alexandrina Road. Cross directly and proceed through the Finnis settlement. Do not turn towards Milang but go straight on to Barn Hill Road (gravel road). The swamp is on the right at the base of the hill.

Bird to see: Grey and Chestnut Teal, Masked Lapwing, Red-kneed and Black-fronted Dotterel. Nankeen Kestrel, Red-rumped Parrot, Galahs and Little Corellas nest in the hollows.

5 Black Swamp Walk 35 25 03S 138 47 57E

The Currency Creek Winery provides a pamphlet for their self-guided walk around part of the extensive Black Swamp. They also provide wine tastings, meals and accommodation.

Access: Just beyond Dunn's Lagoon the gravel road joins the bitumen. Turn right and proceed over the ford on to Winery Road. The Currency Creek Winery is 4.5km from Dunn's Lagoon.

Birds to see: Noisy Miner, Swamp Harrier, Striated Pardalote, Mistletoebird, Clamorous Reedwarbler, Little Grassbird, Tree Martin. Return to Goolwa 10km

Approx 60km round trip



Southern Emu Wren



Cape Barren Goose



Black-Winged Stilt



Peaceful Dove



Yellow-Faced Honeyeater



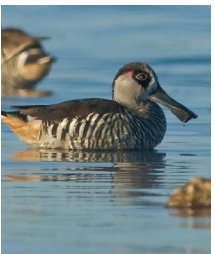
Golden-Headed Cisticola



Australian Reed Warbler



White-Faced Heron



Pink-Eared Duck